

Consolidation of the media, following on changes made to laws controlling such consolidation, laws introduced and passed by Bush and the Republicans' control over the Congress, the Senate and the Presidency, shows their wish to have control over what people hear and think in this country. The result has now shown its ugly face.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election shows the real danger that this consolidation poses, and is contrary to the American way of life. Or at least the America I intend to live in. We do not live in a society with state-run media, but that's the path we're heading down.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They need to respect that fact and not engage in partisan politics by coercion of their affiliates.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.